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AGREEMENT

BETWEEN

THE CENTRAL REGIONAL BOARD OF EDUCATION

AND

THE CENTRAL REGIONAL

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE PERSONNEL ASSOCIATION

JULY 1, 1993 - JUNE 30, 1996

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PREAMBLE

This Agreement is entered into this first day of July 1993 by and between the Board of Education of the Central Regional School District of the County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, hereinafter referred to as the "Board" and the Central Regional Administrative Office Personnel Association, hereinafter referred to as the "Association".

RECOGNITION

The Board of Education hereby recognizes the Association as the exclusive and sole representative for collective negotiations concerning the terms and conditions of employment for those Administrative Office Personnel employed by the Board of Education. Administrative Office Personnel shall include all those employed in the Superintendent's office and the Board of Education office.

HOSPITAL AND MEDICAL COVERAGE

1. Hospitalization

The Board shall provide a Hospital Service Plan, a Medical Surgical Plan, a Dental and a Prescription plan for a full family coverage (extended coverage for dependents until age 23) as provided to the CREA members, under the Connecticut General Insurance Company.

2. Nothing contained herein shall be construed to deny or restrict the Board in making sole determination of the carrier(s) provided it can demonstrate to the Association that any change in carrier(s) results in no reduction in benefits and service.

OFFICE PERSONNEL HOURS

1. The work day shall consist of eight (8) hours including a sixty (60) minute lunch hour and a thirty (30) minute break.
2. Summer work hours shall commence two (2) working days after the close of school in June and terminate five (5) working days before the opening of school in September. The hours shall be a total of seven (7) hours including a fifteen (15) minute break and thirty (30) minute lunch.
3. Vacation Schedule -

Vacation times shall be subject to the approval of immediate Supervisor. In the event of a conflict, seniority will prevail. Employees shall be eligible for vacation on the following basis:

Twelve (12) month employment:

- A. Minimum six (6) months employment - one (1) week vacation.
- B. 1-3 years employment - two (2) weeks vacation.
- C. 4-9 years employment - three (3) weeks vacation.
- D. 10 years and beyond - four (4) weeks vacation.

Payment for accumulated vacation time at time of retirement: Personnel will be compensated for no more than forty (40) unused or earned vacation days at time of retirement at their per diem rate at time of retirement.

4. On those days when school(s) are not in session on account of inclement weather, office personnel shall make every reasonable effort to report to work if and when possible.

5. Office personnel shall be compensated at the rate of time and one-half for all work beyond her/his normal work day.

6. **Holiday Work Schedule**

The Superintendent shall have the right to call employees into work during the Christmas recess and Easter recess. Implementation of the holiday work schedule is contingent upon having a Supervisor present in the Administrative offices.

GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE

A. Definitions

1. A "grievance" shall mean a complaint by employee(s) or representative(s) of employee(s) arising out of an alleged misapplication, misinterpretation or violation of the terms of this Agreement or administrative decisions or practices rendered thereunder.
2. An "aggrieved person" is the person/persons or the Association making the claim.
3. A "party in interest" is the person or persons making the claim and any person who might be required to take action or against whom action might be taken in order to resolve the claim.

B. Purpose

1. The purpose of this procedure is to secure at the lowest possible level, solutions to the grievances which may from time to time arise. Both parties agree that these proceedings will be kept as informal and confidential as may be appropriate at any level of the procedure.

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2. Nothing herein contained shall be construed as limiting the right of any employee having a grievance to discuss the matter informally with any appropriate member of the Administration, and having the grievance adjusted without intervention of the Association, provided the adjustment is not inconsistent with the terms of this Agreement.

C. Procedure

1. Since it is important that grievances be processed as rapidly as possible, the number of days indicated at each level is considered as a maximum and every effort shall be made to expedite the process. The time limits specified may, however, be extended by mutual agreement.
2. A grievance to be considered under this procedure must be initiated in writing by the employee within thirty (30) work days of the occurrence of the actual happening which gives rise to the grievance.

3. Level One

When a grievance occurs, personnel covered by this Agreement shall file a written notice of said grievance with the appropriate Supervisor, either directly or through the Association's designated representative. Within fifteen (15) work days of receipt of said written notice of grievance, the Supervisor shall consider said grievance and shall issue a written opinion.

4. Level Two

- a. If the aggrieved person(s) is not satisfied with the opinion issued by the Supervisor, the Association may, within forty-five (45) work days

after receipt of the opinion issued at Level One, refer the written grievance to the Superintendent of Schools, who shall hold a hearing. Such demand for a hearing shall be in writing and shall include all available relevant evidence in support thereof.

- b. Within six (6) work days after receipt of the position of the Association, the Superintendent of Schools shall schedule and hold a hearing for the purpose of allowing the Association to submit appropriate evidence.
- c. Within six (6) work days after the conclusion of the hearing, the Superintendent of Schools shall issue a decision, in writing, setting forth his findings of fact, reasoning and conclusions on the issues submitted to him.

5. Level Three

- a. If the decision rendered by the Superintendent is adverse to the aggrieved, the Association may, within six (6) work days after the Superintendent has rendered such adverse decision, or within ten (10) work days after the position of the Association was received by the Superintendent, appeal, in writing, to the Board.
- b. The Board shall consider the appeal and may, within ten (10) work days after receipt of such appeal, hold a hearing. If a hearing is held, the Board shall issue a decision, in writing, within ten (10) work days after the conclusion of such hearing or next scheduled board meeting

but not to exceed fifteen (15) days.

- c. If the Board determines that hearing is not warranted or necessary, it shall nevertheless, issue a decision, in writing, within ten (10) work days after the receipt of the appeal from the Association.
- d. Such appeal shall, in all cases, be confined solely to the issue or issues and evidence submitted in support thereof to the Superintendent and shall provide the specific basis of disagreement and evidence in support thereof.
- e. If new evidence is obtained in support of such grievance after the hearing at Level Three, the Association shall notify the Superintendent, in writing, at which time the grievance shall return to Level Three. It is understood that no penalty shall accrue to the Association because of the failure of any administrative officer to render information properly requested by the Association and which the Association is entitled to receive.
- f. The decision of the Board of Education is final.

D. Rights of Employees to Representation

- 1. Any aggrieved person may be represented at all stages of the grievance procedure by himself/herself, or any person of his own choosing, including a representative selected or approved by the Association. When an employee is not represented by the Association, the Association shall have the right to be present and to state its views at all stages of the grievance procedure.

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2. No reprisals of any kind shall be taken by either party to this Agreement or the Administration against any party in interest, any administrator, any member of the Association or any other participant in the grievance procedure by reason of such participation.

E. Miscellaneous

1. If, in the judgment of the Association, a grievance affects a group, the Association may submit such grievance in writing to the Superintendent directly and the processing of such grievance shall be commenced at Level Two. The Association may process a grievance despite an intention of abandonment by a specifically aggrieved person.
2. Forms for filing grievances, serving notices, making reports and recommendations, and other necessary documents shall be prepared jointly by the Superintendent and the Association, with Board approval, and given appropriate distribution so as to facilitate operation of the grievance procedure.
3. All meetings and hearings under this procedure shall not be conducted in public and shall include only such parties in interest and their designated or selected representatives.
4. Notwithstanding the pendency of any grievance, all personnel covered by this Agreement shall continue to perform all duties and assignments.
5. Failure by the aggrieved or the Association to process a grievance in accordance with the time schedule as set forth in this Article shall constitute

an abandonment of the grievance and render it null and void. Any waiver of this provision must be in writing and acknowledged by both parties.

6. The Association agrees to process all grievances solely through the grievance procedure.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

1. Sick Leave

- A. Secretaries employed on a twelve (12) month basis shall be awarded twelve (12) days sick leave credit for the year to be added to previously accumulated sick leave while in the employ of the Board with no maximum limit. Sick leave is hereby defined in accordance with applicable provisions of N.J.S.A.

Title 18A.

- B. Secretaries who are absent due to personal disability as a result of illness or injury shall be entitled to full pay for each of such absences up to the number of days accumulated.

2. Death in the Immediate Family

- A. All full-time secretaries shall be allowed up to five (5) days, without loss of pay, at the time of death in the immediate family. The immediate family shall include father, mother, spouse, child, brother, sister, father-in-law, mother-in-law, or a relative living as a member of the immediate household.

- B. Up to two (2) days absence, without loss of pay, shall be allowed all full-time secretaries at the time of death of grandparent.

3. Personal Business

A. Three (3) days shall be allowed each year for personal business that cannot be conducted outside of school hours. Personal days must be approved in advance by the Superintendent.

Personal business shall include observance of religious holidays, court subpoena, marriage in the immediate family, personal business that can only be conducted during school hours or emergencies not included in the above. Association members not wishing their reasons to be known will have the right to disclose the reasons directly to the Superintendent for his consideration.

B. No personal days will be permitted on the day immediately preceding and the day immediately following school calendar holidays. Extreme cases will be excepted, providing the request is specific ~~and/or~~ emergent in nature and may be granted only with the direct and express approval of the Superintendent.

C. Personal day conversion of unused personal days will be as follows:

- a. One (1) personal day to one (1) sick day
- b. Two (2) personal days to two (2) sick days
- c. Three (3) personal days to two (2) sick days

EXTENDED LEAVE OF ABSENCE

1. Anticipated Disability Leave

A. Any employee who anticipates undergoing a state of disability such as, but not limited to: surgery, hospital confinement, medical treatment, pregnancy, etc., may apply for a leave of absence based upon anticipated disability in

accordance with provisions hereinafter set forth, in which instance such leave of absence may be chargeable to the sick leave account of said employee. All employees covered by this Agreement anticipating a state of disability shall notify the Superintendent through their immediate supervisor of the condition expected to result in disability as soon as the condition which may result in disability is known or within a reasonable time thereafter. Failure to give notification as prescribed may result in loss of child rearing leave privileges. A conference between the employee so affected and the Superintendent/ Supervisor shall take place within sixty (60) days of said notification for the purpose of discussing specific dates and arrangements pursuant thereto.

- B. Any employee who desires to continue in the performance of his/her duties during a period expected to lead to a state of disability shall be permitted to do so provided said employee produces a statement of his or her physician stating that said employee is physically capable of continuing to perform his/her duties and further stating up to what date, in the opinion of said physician, the employee is capable of performing said duties.
- C. In no event shall the Board be obligated to permit an employee anticipating a state of disability to continue in the performance of ~~his/her~~ duties where the performance of said employee has substantially declined from that performance demonstrated by said employee at the time immediately prior to the time when notification was given or should have been given of the state of anticipated disability.

- D. The employee requesting a leave under the provisions of this Section shall specify in writing the date on which he/she wishes to commence said leave and the date on which he/she wishes to return to employment following recovery from said disability.
- E. The Board shall have the right to require any employee who has been on a disability leave and who desires to return to his/her duties by a fixed date following recovery from disability to produce a certificate from his/her physician stating that he/she is capable of resuming his/her duties.
- F. An employee who has undergone hospital confinement shall be expected to resume his/her duties within a reasonable length of time.
- G. Where disability leaves have been approved, the commencement or termination dates thereof may be further extended or reduced for confirmed medical reasons upon application by the employee to the Board. All extensions of such leaves shall in any event be subject to the provisions of the NJSA Title 18A: 30-1 et. seq. and specifically NJSA 18A: 30-6 and 18A:30-7.
- H. Whenever, in the opinion of the Board, the dates of the commencement of an anticipated disability leave and/or the dates for the resumption of duties would substantially interfere with the administration of the school, the requested dates may be changed by the Board, if in the opinion of the employee's physician such change shall be without medical hazard to the employee.
- I. These provisions shall not be deemed to impose on the Board any obligation

to grant or extend a leave of absence of any non-tenured employee beyond the end of the contract school year in which the leave is obtained.

2. Child Rearing Leave

- A. In a case where an employee or spouse gives birth to a child or in a case of a defacto adoption, said employee shall have the right to apply for a leave without pay or any other benefits provided for in this Agreement.
- B. In a case where both husband and wife work in the school system, only one of said persons may be entitled to apply for such leave.
- C. Said leave shall be granted by the Board for a period of time as may be mutually agreed. In the absence of application for child rearing leave, the conditions pursuant to emergency disability leave shall prevail and control.
- D. Applications for child-rearing leave must be filed at least three (3) months before the anticipated birth of the child or custody date in the case of an adoption, where possible.
- E. Extensions beyond the one (1) year stipulations may be made at the sole discretion of the Board upon application by the employee at least three (3) months in advance of the expiration of the one (1) year period.
- F. Wherever possible, the Supervisor shall attempt to assign an employee to the same position ~~he/she~~ held at the time said leave commenced. If an employee who has been granted a child-rearing leave is permitted to return to the system at any time other than those stipulated herein, such employee may be assigned to any position decided by the Superintendent so long as such

assignment is within the Board office or Superintendent's office.

G. The dates of the commencement and termination of child-rearing leaves shall be in all cases subject to and based upon a finding and determination by the Board that such leaves will not substantially interfere with the administration of the school.

3. Other Leaves Without Pay

A. The Board, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, may grant a leave of absence without pay or any other benefits provided for in the agreement to any tenured member for a period of one (1) school year for good and sufficient reason.

B. Application for such leave shall be made to the Superintendent at least three (3) months before the end of the school year preceding the school year for which the leave is being sought. Exceptions may be made at the discretion of the Superintendent in cases of emergency.

SICK LEAVE RETIREMENT

Effective immediately, employees shall be eligible for retirement credit based on the following:

1. Ten (10) consecutive years of service within the district.
2. Compensation based on one-half (1/2)day's pay, at the time of retirement for every accumulated unused sick day in excess of thirty (30) days.
3. Employees should, however, make known their intentions to retire to the administration in writing at the earliest possible date. This will allow for budget

consideration and proper assistance with their retirement filing.

4. Upon death of a member who has been employed with the district for ten (10) years, the sick day buy back provision outlined in Item 2 above shall be paid to the employee's estate along with any unused and earned vacation time.

DURATION OF AGREEMENT

- A. This Agreement shall be effective July 1, 1993 and expire June 30, 1996.
- B. In witness whereof the parties hereto have caused this Agreement to be signed by their respective presidents/representatives, attested to by their respective secretaries/representatives, and the corporate seals to be placed hereon, all on the day and year first above written.

CENTRAL REGIONAL ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE PERSONNEL ASSOCIATION

By: Representative,
Board Office

Date: 1-28-94

By: Representative,
Superintendent's Office

Date: 1/28/94

CENTRAL REGIONAL BOARD OF EDUCATION

By: President,
Board of Education

Date: 2/3/94

By: Secretary,
Board of Education

Date: 2/3/94

Salary Guides
Central Regional Administrative Office Personnel Association

93/94 - ALL MOVED UP A STEP - GUIDE INCREASED BY ONE STEP
ALL STEPS FROZEN AT 93/94 LEVEL FOR REMAINDER OF CONTRACT.

	93/94		94/95		95/96	
	Cat II	Cat I	Cat II	Cat I	Cat II	Cat I
1	16985	17985	17770	18770	19040	20040
2	17485	18485	18340	19340	19540	20540
3	17985	18985	18910	19910	20040	21040
4	18485	19485	19480	20480	20540	21540
5	18985	19985	20050	21050	21040	22040
6	20655	21655	21990	22990	23385	24385
7	21740	22740 <i>pm</i>	23060	24060	24455	25455
8	22825	23825	24130	25130	25525	26525
9	23910	24910	25200	26200	26770	27770
10	24995	25995	26395	27395	27920	28920
11	26137	27137	27545	28545	29070	30070
12	27287	28287 <i>kc</i>	28695	29695	30220	31220
13	28437	29437	29845	30845	31370	32370
14	29587	30587	30995	31995	32520	33520
15	30737	31737	32145	33145	33970	34970
16	31984	32984	33695	34695	35420	36420

No increment will be received for the 96/97 school year until contract is settled.

CENTRAL REGIONAL ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE PERSONNEL ASSOCIATION
SALARY GUIDE

JULY 1, 1992 - JUNE 30, 1993

<u>STEP</u>	<u>CATEGORY I</u>	<u>CATEGORY II</u>
1	17,200.00	16,200.00
2	17,800.00	16,800.00
3	18,400.00	17,400.00
4	19,485.00	18,485.00
5	20,570.00	19,570.00
6	21,655.00	20,655.00
7	22,740.00	21,740.00
8	23,825.00	22,825.00
9	24,910.00	23,910.00
10	25,995.00	24,995.00
11	27,080.00	26,080.00
12	28,165.00	27,165.00
13	29,250.00	28,250.00
14	30,335.00	29,335.00
15	31,420.00	30,420.00

Placement on guide for new employees as recommended by Superintendent and approved by the Board of Education, based on prior experience/skills required.

<u>LONGEVITY AMOUNT</u>	<u>AT THE COMPLETION OF:</u>
\$200.00	3 consecutive years
\$200.00	6 consecutive years
\$200.00	9 consecutive years
\$200.00	12 consecutive years
\$200.00	15 consecutive years
Total \$1,000.00	

Note: Person must be employed prior to April 1st to be eligible for movement on the guide as of July 1st.

CENTRAL REGIONAL ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE PERSONNEL ASSOCIATION
LONGEVITY SCHEDULE

<u>LONGEVITY AMOUNT</u>	<u>AT THE COMPLETION OF:</u>
\$200.00	3 consecutive years
\$200.00	6 consecutive years
\$200.00	9 consecutive years
\$200.00	12 consecutive years
\$200.00	15 consecutive years
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Total	\$1,000.00

**ADDENDUM TO THE CONTRACT BETWEEN
THE CENTRAL REGIONAL BOARD OF EDUCATION
AND THE
CENTRAL REGIONAL ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE PERSONNEL ASSOCIATION
July 1, 1993 - June 30, 1996**

It is hereby agreed between the parties that the above referenced contract shall be amended as follows:

1. Hospitalization

- The medical insurance deductible shall be increased effective January 1, 1995 as follows:

- Single coverage co-pay from \$100.00 to \$200.00
- Family coverage co-pay from \$200.00 to \$400.00

- Individuals employed subsequent to the ratification of April 15, 1994 shall be provided single coverage under the district's health insurance plan for two (2) years. Said employee will be offered the opportunity to purchase additional coverage at their own expense through payroll deductions. Subsequent to completing two (2) years of consecutive employment, the cost of coverage for the employee and/or his/her family shall be assumed by The Board of Education.

2. Longevity

The attached longevity schedule shall be included with the above referenced agreement. The longevity schedule was omitted from the original schedule in error.

CENTRAL REGIONAL ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE PERSONNEL ASSOCIATION

Representative
Board Office

4-20-94
Date

Representative
Superintendent's Office

4/20/94
Date

President

5/5/94
Date

Secretary

5/5/94
Date